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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH SAID SUNDAY "MASS SLAUGHTER" COULD RESULT IF A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO RHODESIA'S RACIAL PROBLEMS IS NOT REACHED IN THE FACE OF BLACK MILITANCY.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATE THE SITUATION HAS BEEN DETERIORATING, HE SAID, "THE STATUS QUO PROMISES TO BE INTOLERABLE. THERE'S MOUNTING MILITANCY FROM OUTSIDE AND SOME FROM WITHIN.

"I WOULD LOOK FOR IF THERE WAS NO POLITICAL SOLUTION A SERIOUS SITUATION IN WHICH YOU COULD HAVE A MASS SLAUGHTER OF PEOPLE IN RHODESIA," BUSH SAID IN A TELEVISED INTERVIEW ON ABC'S ISSUES AND ANSWERS.

IF EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT BETWEEN BLACK NATIONALISTS SEEKING MAJORITY RULE AND THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT FAIL, "I THINK YOU'D HAVE MORE THAN A GUERRILLA WAR SITUATION," HE SAID. "I THINK THERE WOULD BE AN EFFORT BY OUTSIDE-BACKED BLACK FORCES TO TAKE OVER."

ASKED IF CUBAN FORCES MIGHT INTERVENE AS THEY DID IN ANGOLA, HE REPLIED: "IT'S HARD TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

"WE DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE CUBANS IN MANY OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES," SUCH AS MOZAMBIQUE, HE SAID.

BUSH SAID THE CIA'S ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA NOW IS TO PROVIDE "EXCELLENT INTELLIGENCE TO POLICY MAKERS." HE WOULD NOT SAY WHETHER THE CIA WAS INVOLVED IN COVERT ACTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA NOW.

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, THE FORMER U.S. ENVOY TO CHINA SAID THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF THE KIND OF "WIDESPREAD UNREST IN CHINA" THAT SOME EXPECTED AFTER THE DEATH OF MAO TSE-TUNG.

HE SAID HE EXPECTS CHINA TO STICK BY ITS COMMITMENTS IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND SEES NO CHANGE IN ITS POLICY OF DETENTE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

"IT SEEMS UNLIKELY ANY SINGLE PERSON WILL SUCCEED CHAIRMAN MAO. HE WAS A UNIQUE FIGURE," SAID BUSH. HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER HUA KUO-FENG "APPEARS TO BE THE CENTRAL FIGURE," HE SAID, A SORT OF "FIRST AMONG EQUALS."

BUSH ALSO SAID AN ULTRA-SECRET MIG-25 JET FIGHTER FLOWN TO JAPAN BY A SOVIET DEFECTOR "COULD BE A MAJOR INTELLIGENCE BONANZA FOR THE FREE WORLD."

HE ADDED THAT VIKTOR BELENKO, THE PILOT WHO REQUESTED ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES, "IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEBRIEFED. IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME, AND IT HAS GONE WELL."

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